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## Up, up and away!

Enjoying a carefree spring day and trying to swing high enough to reach the sun is Ian Perkes, 5, of Provo. Ian isn't the only one who likes to play outside. Warm temperatures coax "children" of all ages outdoors, especially BYU students, who try to "catch a few rays" whenever they can.

## Collection costs threaten schools

EARL GOODWIN  
University Staff Writer

A proposed increase in the cost of collection in Utah County may cause the Provo City School District to reduce its teaching staff and educational expenditures.

Budgeted under a new law effective April 28, 1985, the county will add \$1.7 million to the Provo School District's cost from \$178,765 in 1984 to \$154,195 in 1985. This represents an increase of almost 100 percent over year.

In a letter prepared in response to Utah County Commissioner's decision, Ronald D. Bingham, president of the Provo School Board, stated it even though the board recognizes that the law mandates the county to raise tax collection costs, it also has the option of assessing county-wide levy to cover the cost of collecting taxes. It also requires other units, such as the school district, to lower their levy in the same year to prevent an increase to the tax rate.

"We feel it is clearly the intent of

the legislature that the county accept a provision for the district to increase their levies to offset increases incurred by the county," said Sherron H. Porter, Provo School District clerk/treasurer.

Although the law prohibits the district from raising its levies to offset county increases the school district plans on trying just that. "If we can't get the county to take responsibility for covering the costs of the proposed increase, then we have to increase our own," said Porter. "If this is not possible then I pass the increase on to the taxpayer," said Porter. "If this is not possible then the only other alternative is to cut into the education budget and even possibly lay off teachers."

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## Scattered battles persist as Lebanon tries for peace

### Christians, Moslems still fighting in downtown Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Christian and Moslem militiamen fought a string of gunbattles in downtown Beirut on Wednesday, but a cease-fire appeared to be taking hold after 11 days of fighting.

Police reported three militiamen and a civilian were wounded Tuesday. Since April 28, 77 people, mostly civilians, have been killed and 400 wounded, police said. Thirty-eight of those killed were slain Tuesday in the heaviest shelling in Beirut in nearly a year.

The cease-fire was shattered hours after it was declared at sunset Monday. Artillery and gun battles broke out during the night, but tapered off Wednesday into exchanges of machine-gun and rifle fire.

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## Reagan tells allies Soviets still threat, star wars essential

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — As a third of Europe's parliament heckled, waved protest signs or walked out Wednesday, President Reagan accused the Soviets, wartime allies turned adversaries, of trying to "spread their dominance by force" and argued his "Star Wars" program offers the best promise of perpetuating the 40 years of peace since V-E Day.

Addressing officials from 10 allies, Reagan strongly warned the West not to be complacent about the Kremlin's military intentions.

Reagan commented that Moscow is developing dangerous new multi-warhead mobile missile, known in the West as SSX-24, that could not be monitored for arms control.

"The Soviet Union is undermining stability and the basis for mutual deterrence," Reagan said. "It has chosen . . . to build nuclear forces clearly designed to strike first, and thus to disrupt our alliance."

But he said his Star Wars or Strategic Defense Initiative to find a defense against ballistic missiles offered a way to resolve the East-West nuclear deadlock.

"The state of modern technology may soon make possible, for the first time, the ability to use non-nuclear systems to defeat ballistic missiles," Reagan said.

He also renewed proposals to reduce military tensions by among other steps setting up a military-to-military communications link supplementing the Washington-Moscow hotline.

When Reagan criticized the Soviet Union's about 80 deputies, most from the British Labor party, walked out of the assembly, Reagan responded and said, "You know, I've learned something useful. Maybe if I talk long enough in my own Congress, some of those will walk out."

The remaining audience applauded loudly.

About half of the deputies either joined the walkout, sat silent with arms folded or waved brightly colored signs with slogans, such as "Hands Off Nicaragua," "Star Wars," "No" and "Nuclear Freeze Now."

At first, Reagan had ignored the protests, but when a chorus of boos greeted his declaration that there were "Soviet efforts to prove freeze and that didn't go along with us in Central America," the president pronounced, paused and pointed and interjected, "They haven't been there, I have."

In closing, Reagan tacked on this rejoinder: "We've seen evidence here of your faith in democracy, in the ability of some to speak out freely as they prefer to speak. And yet I can't help but remind all of us that some who take advantage of that right of

error."

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After four hours in France, the final stop on his tour of Europe, Reagan began in West Germany with a seven-nation economic summit meeting. He returns to Washington on Friday.

Nowhere in his speech did Reagan mention that during World War II the Soviet Union was an ally of the United States and save 20 million of its people lose their lives in the struggle against Hitler.

Reagan hailed the end of that struggle 40 years ago and the resulting "peace that has become the longest of this century."

"Ultimately, I hope the leaders of the Soviet Union will come to understand that they have nothing to gain from attempts to achieve military superiority or to spread their domi-

nance by force, but have much to gain from joining the West in mutual arms reduction and expanding cooperation."

The traveling White House, meanwhile, released the text of a letter from Reagan to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev calling the anniversary "an occasion for both our countries to remember the sacrifice of those men and women everywhere who gave the last full measure of devotion to the cause of fighting tyranny."

He expressed hope that the two superpowers would rededicate themselves to the job of overcoming differences and working toward nuclear arms control.

A senior official aboard Reagan's plane during the flight to Lisbon, who refused to be identified by name, said Reagan would meet Gorbachev if the Soviet leader attends the United Nations session in New York City this fall.

## Reagan's proposals a possible prelude to war crisis centers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nuclear crisis expert believes proposals President Reagan outlined to the European Parliament on reducing the chance of accidental war may be a prelude to advocating creation of U.S.-Soviet "war crisis centers."

"I think he's testing the waters," said William Ury, director of a Harvard Law School nuclear negotiation project and author of a book that urges the establishment of full-fledged crisis centers to prevent war by error.

In the view of Ury and other proponents of crisis centers, twin war crisis centers should be set up in Washington and Moscow, each staffed with Soviets and Americans.

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Such a hotline, similar to the one that now links the White House and the Kremlin, could reduce the chances of misunderstanding and misinterpretation by swapping information about routine military activities, the president said.

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## Utah Foundation says legislature may have created future problems

By TIM LEAVITT  
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The 1985 Utah Legislature may have created some serious financial problems for the future, according to a recent report by the Utah Foundation.

The Salt Lake City-based tax research organization reported that Utah's financial future may not look good even though the state legislature balanced the coming year's budget without any major new tax increases and without added borrowing.

The report suggested that in balancing the budget the legislature left little or no margin for error. It says that the legislature "funded" several state projects from many unappropriated surplus funds that may become available on June 30, 1985, and June 30, 1986. As a result, the next legislative session will face the 1986-87 fiscal year without any reserves to deal with unforeseen problems.

Every penny assigned

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The relative hill of civilians who have been killed in Beirut for the bombing should force us to get out of our food. But the streets on both sides of the Green Line remained virtually deserted.

President Amine Gemayel met with government leaders and army commanders in an attempt to cement the cease-fire, the 29th announced since heavy sectarian fighting broke out in the capital last month.

Prime Minister Rashid Karim, a Moslem, told reporters he was talking with Gemayel that he had "great hopes" stability could be restored to the capital.

"It is the duty of all of us to help in bringing about the dismantling of the demarcation line, the reopening of crossings and the withdrawal of armed elements," he said.

The coming years. A slump in Utah's economy could leave these negotiations without sufficient funds for these programs.

Greater commitment

The Foundation also stated that a number of capital development projects were appropriated funds that will require substantially greater commitments in subsequent years. One example the Foundation cited was a \$2.2 million commitment to design new prison facilities that may eventually cost \$3.5 million to construct.

Witt said the road projects have also been appropriated substantially less money than they will require. The Trapper Loop in Weber County was appropriated \$1 million, but is expected to cost \$5 million. The legislature funded \$1 million for the Bird Trail in southern Utah, but the project is expected to cost from \$21-37 million. This project, however, will receive some federal funding.

Because of these situations, the Foundation noted that Utah could face the same problems it had in the early 1980s when across-the-board cuts and tax increases were necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

## Student jogger seriously injured when hit by car

BYU student Satish Bhakta was struck by a car while jogging Tuesday evening. Bhakta, from Bombay, India, and a doctoral candidate in chemical engineering, sustained a head injury, dislocated shoulder and a broken leg.

He is listed in serious condition in the intermediate care unit at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center.

The accident occurred at 200 N. 500 East in Provo. According to the police report, the driver said Bhakta did not see the car and ran in front of it.



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## Specialized dispatchers 'eyes and ears' of force

By EARL GOODWIN  
University Staff Writer

Speed, accuracy and the ability to make split-second life-and-death decisions are all in a day's work for the highly specialized police dispatcher.

Despite these qualities and the important position of "being the eyes and ears of the police force," the dispatcher is still misunderstood by the public, said Patti Higgins, senior communications specialist at the Provo City Police.

This week is National Dispatcher's Week. It is designed to increase the profile of the dispatcher, who is called to take a hysterical mother whose baby was not breathing through a first aid procedure until she could hear the baby crying, said Payne.

General ignorance of how and when it is appropriate to contact the police is a common occurrence with BYU students. "We get long-distance phone calls from parents who are worried about their children and called them to report a powder or a theft," when the student could have simply called 911 and have had a police officer arrive on the scene, Higgins said.

Another problem fairly common in Provo is someone calling a prowler or home teacher concerning a prowler or someone suspicious.

"By the time the police arrive there are 10 people stalking the neighborhood with baseball bats — every one of which is now a suspect," she said.

Lodge owners file suit against gas company

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The owners of the Goldminer's Daughter Lodge in Alta have filed a lawsuit claiming a propane company's negligence led to a March 15 explosion which killed two people and injured seven others.

Cal Gas Corp. of California installed and maintained the propane system which is believed responsible for the blast. However, officials investigating the explosion have announced no conclusions about the cause.

Lodge owners filed the suit Monday, seeking compensation for losses to their property and business reputation. The case was assigned to 3rd District Judge David B. Dee and the amount of damages will be set by a jury if it goes to trial.

The explosion erupted in the northeast wing of the Goldminer's Daughter, killing a man and a woman and injuring seven others

According to Higgins, whenever you are in doubt, call the police. "We have every resource at our disposal . . . so don't be afraid that you might ask a stupid question." If it is not a police matter, the caller will be referred to the appropriate person, she said.

One of these important resources is a medical emergency flip chart. All police dispatchers in Utah County are trained as Medical Emergency Dispatchers as well, said Officer Patty Payne, chief dispatcher for University Police.

Because of this last week Gladys Muri, an Orem resident, increased the profile of the dispatcher, who was able to take a hysterical mother whose baby was not breathing through a first aid procedure until she could hear the baby crying, said Payne.

The medical emergency flip chart was developed in Utah by Dr. Jeff Clawson. The Utah police dispatchers were the first to incorporate it, said Payne. "They would like to tell the public," said Higgins, "it is for people to be not offended by our apparent cuteness." Dispatchers are trained to deal with emergency situations with speed and accuracy; and they often do not have time for normal courtesy, she said.

"We have to be able to verbally slip them in the face" if the caller is hysterical and unable to give the dispatcher the needed information, or to take fragments of information and accurately interpret it, said Higgins.

With flying rubble, One victim, a 12-year-old girl, was pinned by the hand under a concrete slab for nearly 10 hours before she was freed.

The suit said Cal Gas installed the propane system in October 1981 and accepted responsibility for inspection, maintenance and repair of it.

Contending the system was "unreasonably dangerous and defective in design, materials and workmanship," the suit said causes failed pipes or pipe fittings to break and release highly volatile liquid propane gas.

At least one other suit has been filed over the blast by a Texas woman who lost an eye in the accident, Lorraine K. Horton, 23, of Houston, a former desk clerk at the lodge.

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### Prosecution dealt blow by doctor's testimony

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Dealing a blow to the state's case against Claus von Bulow, a doctor testified Wednesday for the first time that he believed Martha "Sunny" von Bulow's first coma was caused not by an insulin injection but by her own vomiting.

Dr. Janis Galilis, Mrs. von Bulow's personal physician and a prosecution witness, said the vomiting shut off her airways and caused a temporary coma in 1979.

He also said upon questioning by the state that the prosecution knew about the information at the trial first and

Time is also a critical element if the offender is to be apprehended. Payne explained that students will often hesitate to call the police immediately. This is especially important in Provo where a good percentage of crimes are committed by transients.

One woman waited three days to report a suspicious person who had been following her on campus. Situations like this make it nearly impossible to catch an offender, said Payne.

When a person calls 911 and gets transferred to the police dispatcher, the dispatcher will ask the caller a number of questions designed to get all the essential information needed in the shortest possible time. "Sometimes the caller will not understand this and will say 'why do you want to know my phone number, just send me a cop,'" Higgins said.

By the time the dispatcher explains why some seconds have been wasted, said Higgins. Arguing with the dispatcher can essentially double the response time of the officer.

Every week the dispatchers get phone calls from BYU students and babysitters who don't know the address or phone number, said Higgins.

"If only people would keep their phone numbers and address by the phone," dispatchers would not have to send a frightened babysitter to look for a piece of mail with an address on it in order to respond to a power call.



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# Y golfers favored at WAC tourney

MELANIE MARTIN  
University Sports Writer

The BYU men's golf team is ranked the favorite going into the Western Athletic Conference Championships Cheyenne, Wyo. Play will begin day and run through Saturday.

All nine conference schools will be participating in the WAC Championships, which is a 54-hole tournament. Although BYU lost most of its golfers from last year's fifth place CAA finish, the Cougars are still the favorites to win the championship.

The BYU men's golf team is ranked nationally and will be trying to capture its sixth consecutive and 15th

overall WAC golf crown.

Cheyenne is considered a considered a tough course because of the weather. In 1983 the WAC golf championships were to be played in Cheyenne, but because of 14 inches of snow, were played in Fort Collins. "Weather shouldn't be a problem for us this year, because we are a better bad weather team than anyone else," said coach Karl Tucker. "We're accustomed to seeing bad weather, and it doesn't put us in a psychological hole. Besides, I talked to the pro at the Cheyenne Country Club and he says it will be good weather."

Tucker believes that San Diego State and Texas-El Paso will be the

toughest teams. "UTEP played better in the fall and they have good talent," said Tucker. "They beat us at Fresno, but then we beat them last month at the Western Intercollegiate, so from recent play I would consider San Diego State the team to beat," said Tucker.

The Cougars have been preparing for the championship in various ways. They have been spending two hours a day on nothing but putting and chipping. They have also practiced at the driving range, hitting sand shots and have played various practice rounds.

"From what I understand the greens are very scoreable. The team that gets its confidence up in the first

round will be tough to keep up with," Tucker said. "We've been working a lot on our chipping and putting around the greens this week in Utah to prepare."

"We have already qualified for the WAC," said Tucker.

Five team members will be participating in the three-day tournament including Tucker, a freshman from Mesa, Ariz., John Bodenhamer, a senior from Tacoma, Wash.; Brent Franklin, a freshman from Vancouver, B.C., Keith Goyen, a senior from Scottsdale, Ariz., and Eduardo Herrera, a sophomore from Cali, Colombia.

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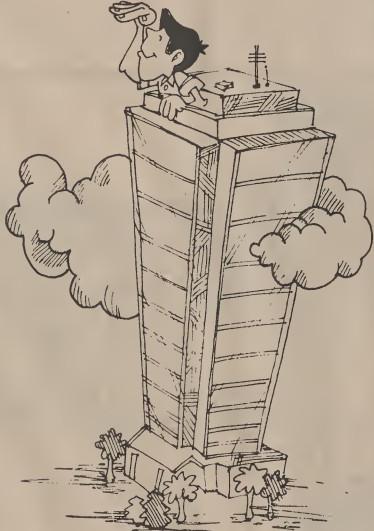
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## Y sluggers face Utah in weekend series

The BYU baseball team returns to Provo to play a home contest with the University of Utah on Friday at the BYU baseball field beginning at 3 p.m.

The Cougars will try to resume their winning ways after dropping two out of three games to Air Force in Fort Collins, Colo.

BYU comes into Provo having won all three previous contests against the Utes this season, but expects to face stiff competition from the 27-19 Utes who are tying with Wyoming for the second and last play-

off spot from the WAC's Northern Division.

Utah comes to Provo after sweeping a twin bill from Wyoming giving the Utes sole possession of second place in the Northern Division. The Utes expect to challenge the Cougars with the help of WAC player of the week Chris Shultz, who went 17-22 at the plate in six games last week, including six home runs, two doubles, 22 runs batted in and 12 runs scored.

BYU and Utah will square off again Saturday in a doubleheader at Derk Field in Salt Lake City beginning at 1 p.m.

## Y volleyballers record road wins

The BYU men's volleyball team recently returned from a 10-day competition tour to Hawaii where it won a five-team tournament featuring the best open teams in the state.

The Cougars compiled a 5-0 record enroute to the tournament record and also tallied a 2-1 dual meet record in subsequent competition.

In the final match of the tournament, the Cougars were pitted against actor Tom Selleck's Outrigger Canoe Club. The Cougars won the match in two straight games. The Outriggers won the national title in their division last year. John Stanley, a former BYU volleyballer is also a member of the Outriggers.

"Beating Outrigger was a nice win for us," said Tom Peterson, coach of the men's volleyball team. "It was nice beating a national champion."

Third place went to the Lohkai volleyball team. BYU-Hawaii came in fourth place with Akahi taking fifth.

In dual matches conducted after the tournament, the Cougars again defeated Outrigger by a 2-1 margin and BYU-Hawaii 3-0. The Cougars lost to a separate, younger Outrigger team 3-1.

"I kind of have a hunch that this Outrigger team will win the nationals next week," said Peterson of the younger, stronger club.

According to Peterson the Cougars, although not NCAA sanctioned, managed to play a tough schedule during the past season. BYU competed against six of the top 10 teams, managing a 3-3 split against them. "If we were NCAA sanctioned, most coaches would rank us in the top five," Peterson said.

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# Traditional presents may be poor choice

## Mother's Day gifts not always what she wanted

**By BECKY FARNSWORTH**  
University Staff Writer

Mothers, beware! The gifts you will receive this Sunday for Mother's Day may well be just the thing you'd rather NOT get.

Most merchants are happily reporting an increase of sales this week and are attributing it to Mother's Day. The sales run from an increase of approximately 25 percent for department stores to an approximate increase of 50 percent for jewelry stores.

Most mothers are saying they want mini-vacations from the house or the kids. They are requesting gift certificates for washing one week's worth of dishes, or a day away from the children with their husbands.

Top selling gifts for Mother's Day are cards, flowers, kitchen appliances and candy, in that order. Also high on the list are fragrances, jewelry and clothes.

Items listed by mothers as gifts they don't want

are cards, kitchen appliances (most notably a toaster), and vacuum cleaners.

Flowers seem to be a little controversial . . . some mothers like them, some don't. Shirley Turey, of Wymount Terrace, definitely does not want a carnation. "My mother never liked flowers at all, for that matter. It's just a waste of money. You wear them for one day, then it's gone."

Local florists report Mother's Day to be the number one day of the year for their businesses. It ranks higher than Memorial Day, Valentine's Day or Christmas.

Cards and living plants are their hottest selling items, with carnations being the top selling flower. Why are carnations so popular on this day? Tradition may have to be the reason. One florist explained, "The tradition started out that you should honor your mother with red carnations if her mother is still living, or white carnations if her mother is deceased." Asked if he thought many people were aware of this tradition, he said "probably not."

Several mothers said they would rather not receive cards. Most husbands seemed to consider them a waste of money. Karl Owsinski, of Wymount Terrace, said, "I don't like the idea of my husband just running to the store for a card at the last minute. It doesn't mean anything." Another mother said she would rather her husband write a personal letter than buy a card.

**Poor choice**

Falling into second place on the list of most unwanted gifts for Mother's Day were kitchen appliances, according to Shirley Turey. "At Wymount Terrace, emphatically said: "You're going to get something for the house, buy it for the house. Don't buy it for me!" Another mother suggested giving the house an annual birthday party at which the house receives gifts, instead of doing the honors on Mother's Day.

Even merchants agree that these are poor gifts. "The husbands who don't care are the ones who buy small gifts, the ones who do care to buy personal items like fragrances, clothing, nightgowns and jewelry," said one woman who works at a department store gift-wrapping counter.

Candy stores also do well on Mother's Day, although one merchant said, "People are getting more health conscious, and are not buying as much (candy) as they did in years past." This is the sentiment expressed by mothers who said they did not want candy. "I am fighting to keep my figure, and candy isn't good for me," said one mother.

"Is There Life After Housework?" by Don Aslett is the hottest selling book this week according to local bookstores. They also note an increase in sales of books on child rearing, gardening and cookbooks.

Pet stores also see a slight increase in their sales the week before Mother's Day. Dogs, cats and even some fish were listed as the most commonly sold pets for Mother's Day. One pet store clerk jokingly said he has never sold rodents for Mother's Day although he wouldn't put it past some children to want to buy one.

**Unusual gifts**

Unusual gifts that have been received for Mother's Day according to BYU students include a lawn mower blade, a tire iron, a required textbook for a course and a mop. Also listed were a compost pit and a clothesline.

Some mothers report having been forgotten on Mother's Day. One mother said, "My husband forgot me on my first Mother's Day as a mother. His mother got after him, and that night he went into the fields near our house and picked a handful of wild flowers for me. He hasn't forgotten since."

Angela Haymond, of Wymount Terrace, suggested "a very nice gift would be two hours away from the kids and \$50 to go on a shopping spree."

Wimpy's coffee shop is another popular gift is help with the house, babysitting coupons, prepared meals and time with their husbands.

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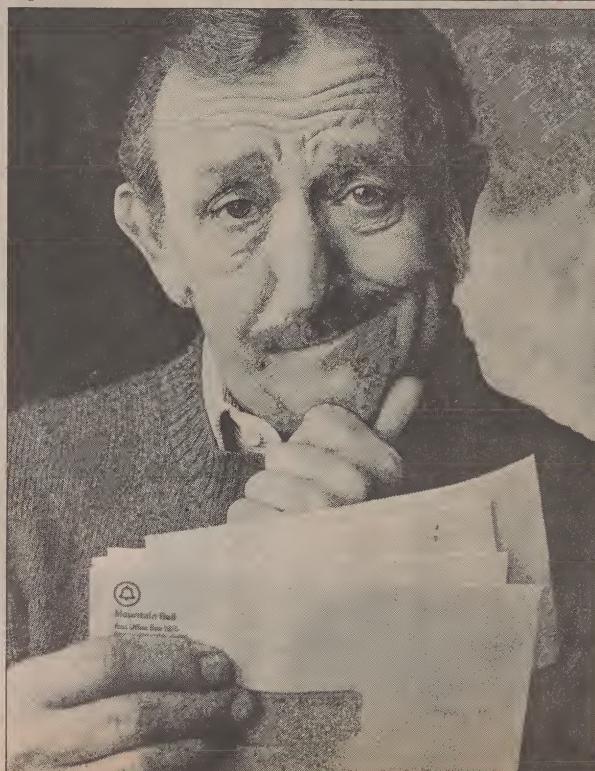
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## OPINION

# No small feat, but 'Supermom' achieves it all

An old Jewish saying espouses: "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

The proverb would ring more true if it read this way: "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers who not only must be everywhere, but must also be everything."

The image of the "Super Mom" is no longer a fictionalized idea, it has become a necessity to keep up with today's complexity and fast pace.

Mothers must don their red capes and blue tights at the crack of dawn to insure their husband and children make it out the door sufficiently dressed and nutritionally fed.

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attend, church projects to organize, Little League ball games to watch, and for over half the 70 million mothers in the United States, time must be found to pursue personal interests and a career.

With all the pressures and responsibilities of today's mothers, it is a wonder that they continue to foster and nurture another generation.

Fortunately, mothers have seemingly extraterrestrial powers.

For example, mothers instinctively know when a child is writing on the wall, teasing a sibling or sneaking a cookie from the cookie jar even when she is in the bedroom with the door closed, reading a magazine.

They also have incredible eyesight. A mother could spot a minute speck of dust on the coffee table even if she were standing 25 feet away.

The same principle can be applied to food particles on the kitchen floor, fingerprints on the refrigerator or hall marks on the hall wall.

An 11-year-old girl agreed that mothers do, indeed, possess special powers, as indicated in a letter to humorist Erma Bombeck.

"We all agree," she writes, "in one in the world has super vision, super hearing, or can smell quite like a Mother. One guy said he once had a piece of bubble gum wrapped in foil in his shoe and his Mom said, 'Let's have the gum. You want to tear your retainer out?'

"Since you write about kids all the time we thought you could explain Moms to us."

Mrs. Bombeck willingly obliged the child. Her response included:

"Actually, there is no mystique at all to being a Mother. We all started out as normal, average little children like yourself, who grew up and developed the usual X-ray vision, two eyes in the back of our head, bionic hearing and olfactory senses that are sharpened by wet gym shoes. (Don't ask what "olfactory" is. Look it up in the dictionary.)

"Mothers have never considered any of these senses a bonus. We call them instincts for survival. Without them we would be mortal and vulnerable. (Don't make such a face. It'll freeze that way and then where will you be?)"

Whether equipped with "survival instincts" or extraterrestrial powers, terminology aside, thank goodness mothers were created.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Proper perspective

Editor:

If the subject matter were not so tragic, I would have been annoyed by the muddled answer in Mr. Bauer's editorials. I do not mind Mr. Bauer's having us "move ahead" and "put the Holocaust in its proper perspective" (in exactly what perspective does it now lie?), yet on the other hand, the "Holocaust" needs to be remembered and in no way should the incredible suffering of the Jewish people be undermined. Mr. Bauer's reply to my letter on the same topic scenario is to be found in a "rational understanding" of the past, i.e. history remembered, lesson learned, history no longer needed. I wonder if the boy growing up with an Arayan nation neighbor will benefit if the

Holocaust is "put in its proper perspective?"

Ms. Bauer applauds Mr. Reagan's act of reconciliation. But with whom are we being reconciled? With Modern Germany? That reconciliation is a fact accomplished, and if Reagan had chosen a symbol of modernity, his gesture would have met with widespread acceptance. However, Reagan chose a Nazi cemetery, and by logical extension his reconciliation is with Nazi Germany.

And as Reagan "moves ahead," the survivors of 12 years of organized, methodical, rational extermination are left to ponder the role of political expediency in Reagan's moral values.

Mark Kaiser  
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and Slavic Languages

### Holocaust blunder

Editor:

In my writing to take exception with Kari Bauer's characterization of President Reagan's visit to the Nazi cemetery in Bitburg as "a must." Pilgrimage by a leading representative of a nation to a cemetery is an act of homage. To claim otherwise is to attempt redefinition of a centuries-old symbolic act. Reagan has stuck his fingers in the eye of the critics in the prism of their opposite. Witness nuclear warheads deemed "peace keepers." In seeking better relations with a communist government in Cambodia, will it one day be necessary to lay a wreath by the grave of Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge followers?

Reagan poured acid on old wounds not by his laudable intention to foster

goodwill and improved business relations with West Germany, but by choosing a wreath inappropriate for her to do so. His recalcitrance to acknowledge this mistake exemplifies his record of acting on political expediences rather than humanitarian concerns. His reluctance to speak out against injustice in South Africa, and his need to wait four years before seeking dialogue with the Soviets have taught us his priorities.

David P. Mindell  
Buffalo, N.Y.

### Debatable betrayal

Editor:

Professor Bushman's letter "The Great Betrayal" was an extraordinary example of polemics and neo-

revisionist history. Apart from his opening statement acknowledging the 10th anniversary of America's withdrawal from Vietnam, I found myself at odds with his interpretation of V.Wietnam War history.

For example, in one sentence he manages to indict the Congress, the news media and the Americans who opposed the war for the betrayed the 60,000 American troops in Vietnam, and not an apologist for the Congress, the media nor the Americans who openly opposed the war, but to say that they betrayed their country is somewhat akin to those revisionist historians who rewrote the history of the Cold War to read as nothing more than an invention of President Truman's machinations.

Dr. Bushman virtually treats Cambodian and Vietnamese Com-

munism as a monolithic entity. In my opinion, a careful reading of the available history would preclude such an analysis. The Khmer and Vietnamese Communists began fighting each other while Americans were still in Indochina; further, vicious border wars began within days of America's retreat in April 1975 and immediately preceded the invasion of Pol Pot's Cambodia. Dr. Bushman conveniently fails to mention that the U.S., to this day, continues to support in the United Nations the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK), one-third of which is officially controlled by Pol Pot's brutal regime. It is indeed perplexing that Dr. Bushman fails to mention this since Pol Pot too is a Communist.

M. Kent Bolton  
Provo

## Education value surpasses cost

In a recent "Newsweek" article, the author poses the question: "Is college really worth what it will cost?"

If the evaluation of the worth of a college education is conducted on a purely economic basis, like buying a bond or putting money in savings, then perhaps the answer is negative. Alston Chase, author of "Group Memory," notes that between 1960 and 1970, the cost of higher education doubled and a return on investment of 15 percent. In the 60s the return rate had shrunk to 10 to 13 percent. Today, however, it hovers around 5 percent, well below the rate of inflation and the prime interest rate."

The report of a study conducted by Dr. Dean K. White of the Ford Foundation Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation, which investigated the benefits of attending college stated "the income differential favoring the college graduate has all but disappeared."

Caroline Bird in "The Case Against College" argues that a college education is "the dumbest investment you can make." She suggests that more money would be made by investing the cost of an education.

Considering that average tuition charges for public and private colleges have more than doubled in the past 10 years, it would seem that Bird's point is sound.

The real problem, however, is not the rising costs of a college education, but the apparent ignorance of the public as to the purpose of a college education. If it is viewed as nothing more than a tool to increase one's future monetary earnings, then, as has been noted, it would be wiser not to invest in an education.

Clifford Adelman, a senior researcher for the National Institute of

Education, notes: "College shouldn't be four more years of high school, or four years of a narrow specialty that doesn't take you anywhere but to your first job."

As stated, the real purpose of going to college should not be to prepare for a vocation, but rather to receive a general education. A general education is based on studying a broad range of academic subjects including the arts, physical sciences, history, literature, philosophy, etc. It is obtained through integrating this knowledge by putting it in perspective with universal truths. This purpose is evident in the very definition of the word "university." It means "universe or totality." Chase explicates this idea of unity: "It lies within the scientist's search for general theory and not merely for discrete facts; it lies within the philosopher's pursuit of truth, not opinions; the historian's study of history, not events; the writer's portrayal of the human condition, not private foibles; and the painter's or sculptor's attempt to create art, not decoration."

A general education also benefits students by not only equipping them with learning skills, but by instilling in them a greater motivation to continue to learn throughout their lives.

Viewed in this light, the question "Is college worth the cost?" is not moot. Who can put a true monetary value on a general education? Who can put in figures the worth of the broadening effects of an understanding of science, literature and the arts?

For such an education is priceless, in terms of directly encouraging personal growth and indirectly influencing the quality of future generations.

— Michelle Ballif

## CAMPUS CRITIC-PATCH DOLLS!!

ONLY A DIME A DOZEN!!!

THEY WALK! THEY TALK!! THEY EVEN COMPLAIN! THERE'S A VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM. WIND UP WENDY AND SHE'LL NEVER SHUT UP ABOUT BYU SECURITY. PULL DARREL'S STRING AND HE'LL FORGET THAT THERE'S ABOUT 27,000 OTHER STUDENTS ON CAMPUS AND GRIEVE ABOUT THE LINES, BOBBY WILL WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR COMPLAINING ABOUT "THE UNIVERSE" (WHICH HE GETS FREE EVERY DAY) BETTY DISLIKES THE DRESS STANDARDS, IT GOES ON & ON! THEY'RE CUTE! THEY'RE CHEAP, AND THEY'LL ADD STRIFE & CONTENTION TO ANY HOME!